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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### High performance team-based care for persons with chronic conditions

Stephen C Schoenbaum, Sally Okun. *Israel Journal of Health Policy Research*. Published: 19 February 2015.

Care for patients with complex chronic conditions such as diabetes requires a co-ordinated and collaborative team working in partnership with the patient...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ijhpr.org/content/4/1/8/abstract>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### Leading by example - health systems improving the care of employees

Lindsay E. Jubelt, Dave A. Chokshi. *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Published: 3 March 2015.

Health systems employ approximately 10% of the US workforce. Despite health care being their primary focus, health care workers, at least those in US hospitals, generally have poorer health status and higher costs than those in other industries...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2174012>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **mHealth is an innovative approach to address health literacy and improve patient-physician communication – an HIV testing exemplar**

*Disha Kumar, Monisha Arya. Journal of Mobile Technology in Medicine. Published: 31 January 2015.*

Low health literacy is a barrier for many patients in the U.S. Patients with low health literacy have poor communication with their physicians, and thus face worse health outcomes...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.journalmtm.com/2015/mhealth-is-an-innovative-approach-to-address-health-literacy-and-improve-patient-physician-communication-an-hiv-testing-exemplar/>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **Circumcision is reducing HIV incidence in Uganda, Rakai community study shows**

*aidsmap. Published: 27 February 2015.*

The growing uptake of medical male circumcision by men in the Rakai district of Uganda is leading to a substantial reduction in HIV incidence among men in one of the districts of the country worst affected by HIV...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Circumcision-is-reducing-HIV-incidence-in-Uganda-Rakai-community-study-shows/page/2949313/>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in rural Uganda: Modelling effectiveness and impact of scaling-up PMTCT services**

*Elin C. Larsson, Anna Mia Ekström, George Pariyo, Göran Tomson, Mohammad Sarowar, Rose Baluka, Edward Galiwango and Anna Ekéus Thorson. Global Health Action. Published: 27 February 2015.*

The reported coverage of any antiretroviral (ARV) prophylaxis for prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) has increased in sub-Saharan Africa in recent years, but was still only 60% in 2010...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha/article/view/26308>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **Distance decay and persistent health care disparities in South Africa**

*Zoë M McLaren, Cally Ardington and Murray Leibbrandt. BioMed Central. Published: 4 November 2014.*

Access to health care is a particular concern given the important role of poor access in perpetuating poverty and inequality...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/14/541>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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## **Recent News**

### **Briefly... SchoolMedia campaigns for healthy lifestyle for learners**

*Media Online. Published: 25 February 2015.*

The South African Health Review (SAHR) has warned that South Africans, particularly those living in poorer urban communities, are at increased risk of chronic non-communicable diseases...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://themediainline.co.za/2015/02/briefly-schoolmedia-campaigns-for-healthy-lifestyle-for-learners/>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **XDR-TB in South Africa is largely spread person-to-person, not by failure of drug treatment**

*aidsmap. Published: 26 February 2015.*

The vast majority of people with extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) diagnosed in the world's most extensive outbreak have acquired their infection from another person, not as the result of the failure of treatment for multidrug-resistant strains of tuberculosis (MDR-TB)...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/XDR-TB-in-South-Africa-is-largely-spread-person-to-person-not-by-failure-of-drug-treatment/page/2948816/>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **Lost patient cards compound long queues**

*Health-e News. Published: 27 February 2015.*

Thembinkosi Mabena recently went to collect his antiretrovirals (ARV) at the Eastern Cape's St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lusikisiki. After eight hours and three queues, Mabena received his treatment but only after the hospital's chief executive officer interceded on his behalf...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/02/27/lost-patient-cards-compound-long-queues/>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **E-procurement in support of universal health coverage**

*WHO Bulletin. Published: 2 March 2015.*

Kenya is gearing up for digital bidding on essential medicines' contracts, part of a wave of African countries looking at procurement to improve transparency, bring down costs and support universal health coverage...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/93/3/15-020315/en/>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **A minister with an HPV mission**

*IOL. Published: 2 March 2015.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi remembers the moment he committed himself to changing the future of girls in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/lifestyle/a-minister-with-an-hpv-mission-1.1825670>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **Hopes dashed as HIV measure found to be useless**

*BDlive. Published: 25 February 2015.*

Hopes that a South African-developed vaginal gel containing the HIV/AIDS drug tenofovir would protect women against HIV were dashed on Tuesday, after a major new study found that it did not work...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/02/25/hopes-dashed-as-hiv-measure-found-to-be-useless>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **US PEPFAR abstinence and faithfulness funding had no impact on sexual behaviour in Africa**

*aidsmap. Published: 26 February 2015.*

Nearly US\$1.3 billion spent on US-funded programmes to promote abstinence and faithfulness in sub-Saharan Africa had no significant impact on sexual behaviour in 14 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, an analysis of sexual behaviour data has shown...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/US-PEPFAR-abstinence-and-faithfulness-funding-had-no-impact-on-sexual-behaviour-in-Africa/page/2949285/>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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### **Most doctors give in to requests by parents to alter vaccine schedules**

*New York Times. Published: 2 March 2015.*

A wide majority of pediatricians and family physicians acquiesce to parents who wish to delay vaccinating their children, even though the doctors feel these decisions put children at risk for measles, whooping cough and other ailments, a new survey has found...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/02/science/most-doctors-give-in-to-requests-by-parents-to-alter-vaccine-schedules.html?ref=health&r=0>[Accessed: 6 March 2015]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Zero Stigma, Zero Discrimination toolkit downloads**

*South African National AIDS Council*

Developed for World AIDS Day 2014, the toolkit includes various resources dealing with HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination through the vehicle of testimonials.[Click Here>>](#)

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## **Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals**

### **A Wake-up Call - Lessons from Ebola for the world's health systems**

*Save the Children*

Ebola has taken a dreadful toll in the three West African countries hit by the current outbreak – Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. It has led to the deaths of thousands of adults and children, in pain, distress and, because of the infectious nature of the disease, far from the comfort of their families.[Click Here>>](#)

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## Conferences and Events

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### **Health Information Systems Program - SA 2015 International Conference**

*When: 21-24 April 2015*

*Venue: Bloemfontein, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.hisp.org>*

Over the last 20 years, the District Health Information System in South Africa and in many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia has evolved significantly from a paper based system to a web based system. The conference is expected to be a platform through which this evolution is explored and where best practices and lessons learned are being shared.

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### **19th World Conference on Disaster and Emergency Medicine 2015**

*When: 21-25 April 2015*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.wcdem2015.org/>*

2015 is an important year for WCDEM, as it will be the first time that this key conference is held in Africa. Disasters can strike anywhere, but often cause the greatest devastation when they hit communities that are not prepared to handle the resulting devastation. With this in mind, the theme for the 2015 conference will be Creating Capacity, Building Resilience.

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### **2nd Building Children's Nursing for Africa 2015**

*When: 22-24 April 2015*

*Venue: Belmont Square, Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.buildingchildrensnursing.co.za/>*

This event is designed to facilitate active participation of nurses and other professionals who work with and care for infants, children and adolescents in African hospitals and communities. The conference will offer a unique opportunity for participants to consider best practice in local contexts for nurses, nurse educators, researchers and families.

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### **7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal**

*When: 9-12 June 2015*

*Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.saids.co.za/>*

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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### **3rd International Association of Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) Conference**

*When: 6-9 July 2015*

*Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.asshhconference.org/>*

A warm welcome to the 3rd Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH). As Conference Co-chairs, we have worked hard to develop an exciting programme for the meeting, which will bring together critically informed and theoretically engaged scholars and practitioners from a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines. Our goal as in previous meetings is to ask the kinds of critical questions it is sometimes difficult to pose in other settings, and to contribute to new and creative ways of thinking about the HIV epidemic.

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### **AIDSImpact 2015 – 12th International Conference**

*When: 28-31 July 2015*

*Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands*

*URL: <http://www.aidsimpact.com/2015/>*

AIDSImpact is an international behavioral and psychosocial science conference that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, focusing both globally and on specific communities and countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. AIDSImpact first convened in Amsterdam in 1991. Now, in 2015 the 12th AIDSImpact conference returns to the city.

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## **5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators**

*When: 2-4 September 2015*

*Venue: University of Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://isc2015.org/>*

The 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators will be held on 2-4 September 2015 in the Kramer Law Building, University of Cape Town. Researchers, practitioners, policy makers and child advocates from across the world will gather for three days to share and discuss the latest child indicator research and implications for policy and interventions. The theme of the conference is: "From Welfare to Well-being: Child indicators in research, policy and practice."

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## **SVRI Workshops**

*When: 15-17 September 2015*

*Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/index.htm>*

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 4th international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015. The Forum brings together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world and will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low- and middle-income countries. The SVRI Forum is a key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking.

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## **Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA)**

*When: 23-26 September 2015*

*Venue: Mpumalanga, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.rudasa.org.za/>*

An annual RuDASA conference has been organised almost every year since 1996, and attracts a range of rural health professionals from all over the country. The conference is a much-anticipated, vibrant forum which combines a mixture of sessions ranging from clinical skills updates for and by a wide range of health professionals to emotive discussions and workshops on issues such as justice and equity. The conference is ideal for exchanging ideas and is ideal for networking. Younger colleagues and students are also encouraged to attend.

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## **Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference**

*When: 7-9 October 2015*

*Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za>*

The 11th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa takes place between 7-9 October 2015 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. With 2015 being the target date for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by South Africa and Africa in trying to achieve the MDGs. The focus of the conference though will be on moving forward and identifying potential solutions both within and outside the health system in order to improve the health status of our population. This is reflected in the theme of conference "Health and Sustainable Development: The Future".

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## **9th Action Learning, Action Research (ALARA) and 13th Participatory Action Research World Congress**

*When: 4-7 November 2015*

*Venue: St. George Hotel and Conference Centre, Centurion (Pretoria), South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.alarassociation.org/pages/events/alara-world-congress-2015>*

The theme of this World Congress is a challenge to Action Learning / Action Research practitioners the world over, whether working in resource rich or more socio-economically challenged contexts, to explain how they are contributing to the creation of a fairer world.

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## **9th World Congress on Developmental Origins of Health and Disease**

*When: 8-11 November 2015*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.dohad2015.org>*

The 9th World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, will bring together scientists, clinical researchers, obstetricians, paediatricians, public health professionals and policy leaders from around the world. These experts will address, head-on, the many challenges that currently impact the health of mothers, babies in the womb, infants, children and adolescents, as well as explore solutions, interventions and policies to optimise health across the life of people. The 9th World Congress, the first to be held in Africa, presents an incredible opportunity to feature the vastly relevant DOHaD research to African researchers, clinicians and policy leaders. This important event is expected to attract more than 1 200 participants and will showcase over 350 speakers.

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## Job Opportunities

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**Department of Women: Deputy Director General: Gender Mainstreaming**

*Closing Date: 13 March 2015*

*Please view our website for more details*

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/deputy-director-general-gender-mainstreaming>

**LifeLine Pietermaritzburg: Senior Social Worker**

*Closing Date: 10 March 2015*

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/senior-social-worker>

**ActionAid International: Programme Co-ordinator**

*Closing Date: 19 March 2015*

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/programme-coordinator-0>

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